Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 12 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 11 Oct 2021 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium confidence in rainfall and cloud amounts for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Headline for Tuesday 12 Oct 2021: Cloudy with rain at times, fresh or strong northwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 12 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Drizzle	Dull	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	60%	60%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 12 Oct 2021

Weather: Rain will be heavy at times overnight particularly for Skye and Torridon areas, rain more patchy for hills further inland and the far north. Extensive low cloud is likely in the morning with periods of light and patchy rain throughout the day, perhaps drier later for most ranges but still cloudy.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% extensive low cloud likely for most areas in association with band of light and patchy rain, perhaps a little more broken in the west but unlikely for summits to be clear for very long if at all.

Visibility: Visibility will be quite poor on the hills with extensive cloud down to 300m for the western ranges and Skye, perhaps 4-500m for Ben Wyvis and Ben Hope in the far north. Visibility below the cloud will also be poor at times in light rain and drizzle with a lot of mist and possibly low level fog patches at times. Cloud lifting and clearing a little in the afternoon with visibility becoming moderate.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	25/30 W	26/31 W	21/26 W	16/19 NW	15/19 W	17/22 W	17/21 W	18/23 W	20/27 W
900	23/29 W	24/30 W	20/25 W	14/18 NW	14/18 W	15/20 W	16/20 W	17/22 W	19/26 W
600	16/22 W	17/22 W	14/19 W	10/14 NW	10/14 W	11/16 W	10/14 W	11/16 W	13/20 W
300	7/22 W	6/23 W	5/20 W	5/16 NW	5/16 W	5/16 W	3/14 W	4/16 W	6/19 W
Glen	9/18 W	9/17 W	7/15 W	6/11 W	6/12 W	5/10 W	4/9 W	5/11 W	7/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/1	6/1	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	7/3	6/2
900	6/2	7/2	6/2	6/3	6/3	7/3	7/4	7/4	7/3
600	8/5	8/5	8/5	8/6	9/6	9/6	9/7	9/7	9/6
300	10/8	10/8	10/9	10/9	11/10	11/10	10/10	10/10	10/9
Glen	12/10	12/10	12/10	12/11	13/12	13/13	12/12	12/12	12/11
Freezing Level*	2300m	2200m	2200m	2100m	2100m	2100m	2200m	2400m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling chilly on the hills in the fresh northwesterly airstream.

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Oct 2021
Weather: A cloudy start to the day with some patchy light rain on the hills during the morning but becoming brighter in the afternoon and cloud clearing in many places with some bright or sunny spells especially in the east.

Maximum wind: West 20-25mph with gusts 35mph, some gale force gusts possible on higher tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% rising to 60% with cloud lifting and breaking during the day especially for eastern ranges.

Visibility: Cloud bases in the early morning will be broken at 400m and above but cloud becoming more scattered by the afternoon and lifting towards the summits. Cloud slower to clear in the west where visibility may remain poor in any further rain. Light and patchy rain will affect morning visibility but this will become confined to the furthest west ranges.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 6 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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